

## News Sheet – for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter - Christian Aid Week begins

**LINK FOR THE LIVESTREAM SERVICE** - <https://cofewrecclesham.org.uk/streamed-services/>

Please click on the link from ten minutes beforehand and there will be the livestream link to take you to the service

**Thank you to everyone involved in making this Sunday's worship and happen**

### **TODAY:**

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Sixth Sunday of Easter – Start of Christian Aid**

**8am** Holy Communion – Rev Jacqueline

**10.00am** Parish Communion – with refreshments after the service

**11.45pm** – Holy Baptism – Alma Sophie Marie Smith

#### **Readings:**

Lectionary for Easter 6 - Acts 17.22-31; Psalm 66.8-20; 1 Peter 3.13-22; John 14.15-21

**Hymns:** Today's hymns will be sung by St Martin's voices

19 All my hope in God is founded – 144 Father Lord of all creation – 726 When I needed a neighbour – 60 Cm Be still for the presence of the Lord – 306 Immortal invisible

#### **The Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen**

#### **The Collect for Christian Aid Week**

God, gardener of Eden, who flung stars into space and nurtures the tiniest plant, lift our hopes and dreams above the loss and damage of our suffering planet, that we might share your long-dreamed vision which values the pea as much as the plant, fill us with your life-giving hope and inspire us with your creative Spirit now, and in the age to come. **Amen**

### **HEADLINES:**

**CHRISTIAN AID** – Your gifts this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children. Pigeon Pea seeds are a hardy drought resistant crop that can help farmers flourish

There is a **Devotional Booklet** for you to use at home – and an **envelope to donate** – please return next week or put the envelope through the Vicarage Door, please – all donations are so gratefully receive and this year

**ASCENSION DAY - 7PM THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – A service of Communion for Ascension Day

**NEXT SATURDAY – FREE Spring-time Concert: Rowledge Community Choir – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May,**

**7.30pm** - we are delighted that Rowledge Community Choir are coming to St Peter's – Admission will be FREE and interval refreshments will be available. There will be a Retiring Collection to raise funds for St Peter's Church – any offerings will be much appreciated.

**NEXT SUNDAY – MESSY CHURCH - WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP WITH REGISTRATION, PLEASE!**

**Messy Church: Fruits of the Spirit – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May, 4pm ...**

**HELP WANTED PLEASE** – Concert Raffle prizes - Open Day Cakes - and Messy Church help

We would love some **cakes** for the **Open Day** please... **please let Jacqueline know...**

**Messy Church** – some help with **Registration needed** – **please let Jacqueline know...**

**Raffle prizes please** – for the **20<sup>th</sup> May concert** – please bring to vicarage / vicarage garage

**UPDATE: PARISH GIVING SCHEME PROJECT - THE BOOKLET THAT WE WILL BE DELIVERING TO EVERYONE IN THE PARISH IS BEING PRINTED** - containing an invitation for people to help St Peter's....

#### **Delivery:**

We are all be asked to deliver some booklets in our local roads – and others will be helping to fill the gaps – we will be delivering as close to 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> May – we are just waiting for the printing - if it is a long road you live in then we will share the load. They will be pre-bundled for you. I WILL BE SO GRATEFUL FOR US ALL TO WORK TOGETHER ON THIS... 😊

**OPEN AFTERNOON:** There will be an **Open Afternoon on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May, 12-5pm** – with a flowers – cream tea – history presentation – with an **Evensong for Pentecost at 6pm**

**If you would like to contribute a flower arrangement for the flower display to be alongside the flower team's arrangements – please do let Chris Gray know** – it will be lovely to have some arrangements around the window sills – of course you are welcome to take them home afterwards to enjoy them... 😊

### **NEXT WEEK – 21<sup>st</sup> May:**

8am - Holy Communion

10am - Third Sunday Service (no Communion) – we are pleased to say that Brian Cotterill will be playing the organ for us while David is away...

### **FOR THE DIARY**

- **A schedule** is available outlining this year's special services & social events – on the table at the back...

### **'Little Women'**

*'A production to make your heart sing!'* ALL PROFITS TO PHYLLIS TUCKWELL

Key Players are thrilled to bring you this new adaptation of the timeless classic 'Little Women "This is an immersive, promenade production. You will move around the Maltings with us, with scenes set in the Foyer, the Courtyard and the Barley Room. East with us, dance with us, laugh with us, cry with us!"

'Little Women' is directed and adapted by Key Players' founder, Sophie Key

Tickets are limited in number due to the promenade nature of the production, so book early to avoid disappointment! Please note – audience will need to be comfortable walking around the space and standing for some part of the performance.

### **Performance times and tickets:**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 2.30pm & 7.30pm **TICKETS** - Full: £15 Concession: £12

Recommended for 8 years and over [www.farnhammaltings.com](http://www.farnhammaltings.com) – Box Office: 01252 745444

### **A FINAL – AND FREE - DRESS REHEARSAL PERFORMANCE - SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE AT 2.30PM**

**St Peter's Church, Beales Lane, Wrecclesham GU10 4PY**

Key Players have been using both the church and Leverton Hall to rehearse and they would like to invite the St Peter's Church community to the final dress rehearsal **as a thank you** for giving them such a warm welcome.

**Tickets are free, but there will be donation buckets for Phyllis Tuckwell.**

**If you would like to attend, please email Sophie Key** at [sophiekeyplayers@gmail.com](mailto:sophiekeyplayers@gmail.com), so she can add your name to the guest list, or call 01252 716431 to let Rev Jacqueline know. There will be refreshments in the interval served in Leverton Hall, and **the performance is wheelchair accessible.**

### **CHURCH NOTICES**

#### **HELP NEEDED, PLEASE!**

- **Help with the Techy Team rota** - we would like to extend the team - it is not as challenging as it sounds! Please do speak to Rob/Jacqueline or any of our wonderful Techy Team if you would like to know more – you will be on the rota roughly once every 4/5 weeks – and you can work with another person if you like to be in a team!

### **GENERAL NOTICES**

- **Farnham Maltings:** We're delighted to be launching our **Movement Mornings** class, starting this **Thursday 11th May at 11.30am running for 12 weeks. Movement Mornings** is an Otago based strength and balance class, followed by refreshments, where participants can enjoy the company of their classmates over a cuppa.

This project is part of our ongoing *Tackling Loneliness* work. We hope this class will help the offering of social opportunities in the Farnham area, as well as promote health and wellbeing.

- **Farnham Assist – 2023 Programme now available by the notice boards** – Farnham Assist reach out to older people who live alone or who are carers – there are fliers at the back of church. **Please do take one if you or anyone you know might benefit from becoming part of the Farnham Assist community** – monthly Sunday lunches – pie & pint club for gentlemen – knit & natter – Ladies pub lunches – day trips & walks – and transport to help – it's all there...
- **High Utility Bills** – if anyone you know is struggling to pay for the high heating costs or any other household/ financial challenge, please do let me know and I can signpost to the relevant local source of help and funding...

**THANK YOU...** to all of us for being there for each other and doing what we can for the love of the Lord and our St Peter's Church! 😊

**BIG THANK YOU TO VANDA** – the **website looks fantastic!** Please do take a look if you haven't seen it recently

## **PRAYERS FOR:**

Andrew Steward, Reg Skeet, Zoe Perkins, – for all who are poorly, and give thanks for the healing and ongoing wellbeing of all recovering and on the mend from illness....

Please also pray for the life and work of our Church, that we might be part of God's loving and transforming grace here in our place, – PLEASE do consider whether you could offer some time to be on this group who oversee the running of St Peter's on behalf of us all....

Please contact Jacqueline on [vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) or 716431 / 07806 775974 if you have a notice to share – or if you would like to talk about something else – her day off is a Monday....

## **NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE TEAM – none this week**

### **OLDER NOTICES**

**LIONS WENCESLAS WINTER FUEL AID** - If anyone is struggling with winter fuel bills, please do speak to Jacqueline who can refer to this worthy local fund to help with costs...

**WRECCLESHAM OVER 60'S** – On 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month @ 1.30pm – a lovely group meet at the Leverton Hall – please pick up a leaflet for information....

**Farnham Foodbank – An urgent appeal by Farnham Foodbank – they are low on supplies...**

**THE BASKET IS NOW LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE OF THE CHURCH BY THE DOOR**

**Please only donate long-life goods – fresh and perishable goods cannot be accepted –** thank you for all that you contribute

**For May they are asking for:** Small jars of coffee - Instant mash - Tinned fish - Jams/marmalade - UHT juice

- **Please** continue to put donations in the basket and Lizzy Hendry will kindly be taking the food to the Foodbank – thank you everyone...

**Contact:** mail: [info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or call 07901 58153 visit our website [farnham.foodbank.org.uk](http://farnham.foodbank.org.uk) or follow on Facebook [facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank](https://www.facebook.com/farnhamfoodbank)

### **GROUPS TO KEEP ST PETER'S TICKING OVER – MEET EVERY 2/3 MONTHS**

#### **TO PLAN/PREP & KEEP AN ON THE TICKING OVER OF THE LIFE OF ST PETER'S FAMILY & CHURCH**

#### **Fabric and Finance Group – Events & Fundraising Group – Worship & Spirituality Group**

Please speak to Rob or Jacqueline if you would like to chat about offering some time and talent for St Peter's in the name of the Lord! ☺

- **Events & Fundraising Group** – thinking about how we can be social, have fun & raise funds (currently Jacqueline, Rob, Vanda, Wendy, Pat, Andrew & Zoe)
- **Fabric & Finance Group** – be part of a team that keeps an eye on the fabric side of things & the finance updates (currently Jacqueline, Rob & Gerald (joint chairs), Steven, Jonathan, Philip, Sally, and Treasurer Colin

**WESTMINSTER ABBEY PASS** - We have kindly been given a pass by Anthea's cousin to Westminster Abbey that allows up to four adults to visit for free – children go free anyway... We can use it up to six times in one year – two slots have been booked already – Eddie and Pat had a lovely time last week. Ask them to show you the photos!  
**If you would like to book a slot, please let Jacqueline know....**

**HYMNS – you can choose!** – If you have a hymn that you would particularly like to sing to acknowledge an anniversary or just because you like it, please let Jacqueline know and we can make it happen! ☺

**REMINDER** – A short version of **Daily Prayer** is available on the **Church of England Website** and as an **App**.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer> [Download Time To Pray app](#)  
[Access the text online](#)

**St Peter's WhatsApp Group** – a lovely way to share little bits and pieces of our daily lives and thoughts – Please be in touch with Jacqueline 07806 775974 or [vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk](mailto:vicar@cofewrecclesham.org.uk) who can pass your details to Naomi....

**Schroder Trust** - Funding is available from the Schroder Trust for Wrecclesham residents and organisations who are in need of assistance – please speak to Rob Durrant for further information and Farnham Town Council for the application form - <https://www.farnham.gov.uk/services/grants/the-isabella-schroder-trust>

### **COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS LIFTED – PLEASE NOTE:**

Face coverings will not be compulsory, but a personal preference – we will keep the north aisle available for those who wish to continue to socially distance. Being mindful of keeping each other safe – observing personal space – hand sanitising & ventilation will help us keep things as covid-secure as possible.

### **Bible Readings – Sixth Sunday of Easter**

First Reading – Acts 17.22-31 (Pew Bible 1118)

<sup>22</sup>Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup>For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup>The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup>nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup>From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup>so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him - though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup>For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,

“For we too are his offspring.”

<sup>29</sup>Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup>While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup>because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Second Reading - 1 Peter 3.13-22 – (Pew Bible 1223)

<sup>13</sup>Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup>But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup>but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup>yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup>For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup>For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel reading: John 14.15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>15</sup>If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’